

Hermitage Parish Council Update

- ◆ Another successful litter pick took place in October so hopefully you have noticed a tidier village. In fact you may have noticed this over the past month or two as some residents have volunteered to do this on a regular basis and appropriate equipment has been loaned to them.
- ◆ HPC receives complaints about vehicles parking on the pavement, particularly on the B4009 and Yattendon Road. This impedes people with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and push chairs. Please ask your visitors not to do this and to park on the road. Parking on the pavement rarely allows two-way traffic and so is a nuisance for no reason.
- ◆ Eling Way, the new path and cycle trail to Hampstead Norreys is being well used so you may be glad to hear that a couple of benches will soon be installed. One is being provided by the council and the other by Eling Estate.
- ◆ Support for those suffering in any way due to the Covid 19 pandemic continues to be provided by a small group of volunteers plus the many residents who donate goods to this cause. The council is most grateful for this work and wholeheartedly supports those involved.
- ◆ In Pinewood Park some play equipment has had parts replaced by a small group of volunteers who call themselves the Thursday Team. The council continues to be grateful for the unpaid help this group provides, usually on a Thursday so now you know why they gave themselves that name.
- ◆ The council would like to gently remind residents that Furze Hill is a wildlife area and nothing should be planted without explicit permission. Local ecologists advise on how to best manage this area which includes the butterfly meadow – the area close to the M4 – and the butterfly larder – the area running from the green in front of the village hall to the top of Pinewood Crescent.
- ◆ Another reminder is to please call the police on 101 if you are aware of any antisocial behaviour. This has reduced in the last months but not disappeared completely. Only by reporting the problem and so building a log of what is happening will anything be done to stop it.
- ◆ In addition, if you notice a problem with overflowing waste or dog bins, pathways or roads, please notify West Berkshire Council through Report a Problem on their web site or by ringing 01635 551111.
- ◆ The date of the next parish council meeting is Thursday November 19th and then Thursday December 17th. All meetings are being held electronically at the moment but still begin at 7.30pm. Agendas, minutes and information about the council are posted on notice boards throughout the village and on www.hermitage.org.uk. Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact the parish clerk who will send an email with joining instructions on the afternoon of the meeting.
- ◆ Hermitage Parish Council can be contacted through the clerk, Nicky Pierce by emailing hermitagepc@outlook.com.